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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that it will be a very important road which shortens the distance from Malabar to Coorg and that it would create better facilities for commercial crops grown in that area? Will the Government be, therefore, pleased to include this road also in the new scheme?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A road of fifteen miles in length has to be formed in Coorg area and the Coorg Government have pleaded inability to construct that road. A bridge also will be necessary on the river which runs between Coorg and Madras."

Representations from the members of the Kudumbi community.

* 856 *Q.*—SRI C. H. KANARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum signed by more than 40 members of the Kudumbi community to include them in the backward community list and give them educational facilities given to backward communities; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The question of inclusion of the Kudumbi community in the list of backward classes will be considered after the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission are known."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Did the Government take any step in this matter? Did the Government recommend the inclusion of this community in the list of backward communities?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" When the Commission receives the views of the Government, this will also be communicated, but the decision will be arrived at after getting the decision of the Commission."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, what is the policy or principle involved in declaring a particular community a backward community?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The list of the backward communities was added to from time to time. But now, in view of the appointment of the Backward Classes Commission by the President, we have to wait till the Commission goes into the whole question."

Representations from the members of the Kudumbi community, Tellicherry.

* 857 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government received a memorandum recently from the Kudumbi community of Tellicherry requesting the Government to include them among the backward scheduled castes; and if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 856 on the same subject."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What are the criteria adopted by the Government in deciding that a particular community should be included in the list of backward communities? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Backwardness involves educational backwardness and backwardness in other respects also."

9-10 a.m *Cloth purchased for the Police department.*

* 858 Q.—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of yards of cloth purchased by the Government for the Police department during the year 1951–52; and

(*b*) out of that how many yards were mill cloth, how many yards of cloth were imported from foreign countries and what was the cost in rupees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 381,076-1/8 yards of cloth were purchased for the Police Department during 1951–52.

" (*b*) The whole of the quantity is mill cloth and no cloth was imported from foreign countries."

SRI G. SATYANARAYANA :—" మంత్రిగారు చెప్పిన సమాధానం దృష్టిలో ఉంచుకుని ముందునుంచి ప్రభుత్వానికి కావలసిన బట్ట, చేనేత పారిశ్రామిక సొసైటీనుంచి కొనడానికి ప్రయత్నం చేస్తారా ? "

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" This is what the hon. Member wants to know. In future, will the Government take care to get cloth from the handloom weavers in order to provide employment for them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This relates to 1951–52 and not for the present year. With regard to the present requirements, the hon. Members are aware that we are trying to find out the suitability of a new pattern of cloth woven from hand-spun yarn and mill-spun yarn put together. This will be utilised in the Police department if it is found suitable according to the physical duties which the various officials have got to do."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of supplying the police officials with khaki made of khaddar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is exactly what I said, viz., that a new pattern of cloth made by a mixture of hand-spun yarn and mill-spun yarn is being evolved. If it is found suitable, it will be given to the Police department also."